

# Hat-trick Tony still on the goal trail

Wycombe Wanderers 4, Clapton 0

**A**CE marksman Tony Horseman increased his goal tally to 18 in eleven matches with a well-taken hat-trick against Clapton at Loakes Park on Saturday.

It was all too easy for Wanderers, who were never extended beyond a canter, and it is almost incomprehensible to believe that just seven days before Clapton had defeated the mighty Hendon.

Such is the attraction of football when the form book goes by the board and the 'David' defeats the 'Goliath'. There was, however, no hint of a repeat performance as Wycombe easily disposed of the mediocre opposition.

Apart from Tony's hat-trick there was very little else to recommend this match. Wycombe's finishing, particularly in the first 30 minutes, was far too casual and they were never forced to raise the tempo or level of their game.

## WORLEY HURT

There was one moment of extreme anxiety soon after the interval, when Len Worley fell heavily after winning a tackle in his own penalty area. Len was carried off on a stretcher, with the crowd fearing the worst—only to re-appear twelve minutes later and take up his position at outside-right. He had, in fact, received a hefty blow on the ankle very near to the spot where he once broke his shin.

Wycombe's team showed a number of changes from the side that lost to Hendon, with wing-halves Charlie Gale and Barry Baker returning to bolster the defence.

In the forward line Viv Busby came in at centre-forward with Stuart Thompson as an emergency inside-right. Normally a wing-half, Stuart replaced Keith Samuels, still suffering from a pulled muscle.

After half-an-hour of creating chance after chance, and then letting Clapton off the hook, Wycombe went ahead.

Worley fired over a pinpoint cross and Horseman slotted his header home without any difficulty. The same combination set up the Wanderers' second goal in the 41st minute, Horseman again scoring with his head.

All through the first half it was noticeable that while Wycombe played some attractive close football the forwards were bunching too much. Busby used the ball in midfield intelligently but wasted a number of chances once inside the box.

## MASKELL IN ACTION

Soon after the interval Clapton threatened for the first time as Ferdinando forced Maskell to a fine save from 25 yards.

But there was no doubting Wycombe's superiority and they added a third goal in the 70th minute. Worley flashed a low cross into the Clapton area, Horseman trapped the ball and back-heeled in one movement, and Busby was waiting to sweep the ball home.

Seven minutes later Horseman completed his hat-trick after hitting a post two minutes earlier, when he rounded a defender and sent 'keeper Moore the wrong way.

Wycombe: J. Maskell; J. Beck, I. Rundle; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, S. Thompson, V. Busby, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.